

STATEMENT
OF
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2002
HEARING
ON THE
ROLE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE
WITHIN THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Committee on Indian Affairs meets this morning to receive testimony on the role of the Special Trustee within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Special Trustee was established by statute when the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act was enacted into law on October 25, 1994.

Since that time, two men have served as Special Trustee and the Committee has invited them here today for the purpose of developing a better understanding of the obstacles that each has found in either the 1994 Act, the Department's organizational structure, or external influences that may have frustrated their efforts to carry out their

statutory duties.

May I call upon the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Senator
Campbell.